

?⁹_{ls6s}] TEMPTED BY CARIBS WITH

*heads of
spike*

the bigness of a man's Egrym : other some with broad iron, wherewith they strike fish in the water. The experh whereof, we saw not once nor twice, but daily, for the time"" we tarried there. For they are so good archers, that the Spaniards, for fear thereof, arm themselves and their horses with quilted canvas of two inches thick, and leave no place of their bodies open to their enemies, saving their eyes which they may not hide ; and yet oftentimes are they hit in that so small a scantling. Their poison is of such a force, that a man being stricken therewith, dieth within four and twenty hours, as the Spaniards do affirm : and, in my judgement, it is likely there can be no stronger poison, as they make it, using thereunto apples which are very fair and red of colour, but are a strong poison ; with the which, together with venomous bats and vipers, adders and other serpents, they make a medley, and therewith anoint the same.

The beds which they have, are made of gossapine cotton, and wrought artificially of divers colours; which they carry about with them when they travel, and making the same fast to two trees, lie therein. The people be surely gentle and tractable, and such as desire to live peaceable; or else had it been impossible for the Spaniaids to have conquered them as they did, and the more to live now peaceably: they being so many in number, and the Spaniards so few.

From thence, we departed the 28th; and the next day, we passed between the mainland and the island called Tortuga, (a very low island) in the year of our Lord GOD 1565 afore-

\said: and sailed along the coast until the ist of April; at which time, the Captain sailed along in the *Jesus's* pinnace to discern the coast, and saw many Canbs on shore, and some also in their canoes : which made tokens unto him of friendship, and shewed gold, meaning thereby that they
³would traffic for wares.

Whereupon he stayed, to see the manner of them; and so for two or three trifles, they gave such things as they had about them, and departed.

But the Canbs were very importunate to have them come on shore; which, if it had not been for want of wares to traffic with them, he would not have denied them : because the Indians which we saw before, were very gentle people, and